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In re application of:

ZUKER

Application No.: 09/492,028

Filed: January 26, 2000

For: ASSAYS FOR SENSORY  
MODULATORS USING A SENSORY  
CELL SPECIFIC G-PROTEIN ALPHA  
SUBUNIT

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 11, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein. A petition to extend the time for response for three months, from May 11, 2002 to August 11, 2002, is submitted herewith. Also submitted herewith is a Notice of Appeal.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4, lines 6-7, please amend the specification:

The present invention demonstrates, for the first time, taste receptor cell specific expression of nucleic acids encoding G-protein alpha subunit. Specifically, the present